

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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ESTABLISHING THE DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND DIVISION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island presently has no comprehensive inventory of state property, including more than eighty thousand (80,000) acres of land and more than sixteen hundred (1,600) buildings; and

WHEREAS, facilities management functions performed by departments and agencies throughout the state lead to the redundant purchasing of services and supplies, inadequate coordination and utilization of resources, and inconsistent maintenance of state buildings; and

WHEREAS, numerous state-owned buildings of significant fiscal or historical value have been or must be demolished because they have deteriorated beyond repair due to lack of routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administration has the responsibility for management, and oversight of millions of dollars each fiscal year in approved construction for state departments and agencies, but lacks sufficient professional staff and operations to manage it; and

WHEREAS, the State lacks a strategic plan for state property development as a whole, which results in costly property decisions, not based on adequate long-range planning; and

WHEREAS, departments and agencies may undertake major construction projects with insufficient expertise and support, which too often results in poorly managed, over budget and behind schedule projects; and

WHEREAS, an established centralized Division of Facilities Management will provide efficient, effective, and consistent delivery of facilities management services throughout the State's departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, an established Division of Capital Projects and Property Management will provide professional construction management services and responsible property management to state departments and agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order as follows:

1. There shall be established within the Department of Administration (“DOA”) a Division of Facilities Management, to be headed by an Associate Director of Facilities Management designated from time to time by the Director of the DOA. The Division will perform coordinated facilities management for state departments and agencies, including but not limited to: operation, maintenance and repair of buildings, grounds, central HVAC, power plants and other facilities. The Division may contract or delegate such services as it deems appropriate.
2. The facilities management operations that currently exist within any departments or agencies shall be coordinated with, and to the extent permitted by law consolidated into, the Division of Facilities Management.
3. Further, there shall be established within the Department of Administration a Division of Capital Projects and Property Management to be headed by an Associate Director of Capital Projects and Property Management designated from time to time by the Director of the DOA. The Division will assume direct responsibility of real property inventories, strategic planning, budgeting, construction management, and code enforcement for all capital projects.
4. Custody, control, and supervision over any land and all buildings and improvements for all state lands will rest with the Director of the Department of Administration, except as otherwise provided for under law or delegated by the Director of the Department of Administration.
5. All state departments and agencies shall cooperate, assist and make available reasonable and appropriate resources to the Divisions and Associate Directors in the performance of their responsibilities pursuant to this Order.
6. Nothing in this Executive Order shall affect or alter any statutory provisions, roles or responsibilities set forth in the Rhode Island General Laws.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.

So Ordered:

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Dated: _____